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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. TOM SIMONS SAYS HE AND HIS FAMILY HAVE MULLED OVER AND SLEPT ON THE IYZLPHXSYIH DKYMND FEFDKFGQ 1, AND COME DOWN AGAINST IT. IT WOULD COST HIM MONEY; HE HAS ALREADY RENTED AN APARTMENT FOR THE FAMILY AT THEIR HLADD. IT WOULD COST SOMETHING IN TERMS OF LANGUAGE. HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH ABBREVIATED TRAINING, IN RUSSIAN, WAS NOT HAPPY, QUITE ASIDE FROM HIS DESIGNATED ROLE AS "INSIDE MAN" IN THE SECTION HERE, AND HE SEES NO VALUE IN REPEATING IT. FINALLY, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE LANGUAGE TRAINING DESIDERATE, IT WOULD PROBABLY COST HIM HOME LEAVE, SINCE DICK VIETS MAY WELL BE LESS RELAXED IN MAY IN BUCHAREST THAN HE IS IN DECEMBER IN WASHINGTON. ON THE BENEFIT SIDE -- GRINDING OUT PAPER WHILE THE SEARCH FOR A REPLACEMENT GOES ON -- THE EXTERNAL OFFICERS HE WILL LEAVE IN PLACE ARE NEITHER MUTE NOR INGLOUS, AND THEY WILL BE IN BILL BROWN'S CAPABLE HANDS. AT THE WORST, BILL MIGHT HAVE TO DO SOME WRITING HIMSELF, BUT THAT NEED NOT BE ALL BAD. HE SEEMED ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT NEW IDEAS, HE WILL HAVE HAD A MONTH UNDER HIS BELT,
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AND, AS MARSHALL WAS FOND OF POINTING OUT TO TOME BEGINNING HIS SECOND DAY IN THE OFFICE, WRITING IS GOOD FOR ONE. SO THE PRESPECT WOULD BE FOR SOME COST AND LITTLE BENEFIT, AND ADDS UP TO ADHERING TO SCHEDULE.

2. RE PARA 6 YOUR 306768, WE SAW VIKTOR BRAYLOVSKIY AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 20 AND TOLD HIM OF THE TELEPHONE CALL BEING PUT THROUGH TO AZBEL. BRAYLOVSKIY SAID THAT HE WOULD GET THE MESSAGE TO AZBEL BUT COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT BOTH WOULD BE IN PRISON BY THE TIME THE PHONE CALL CAME THROUGH.

3. WE WERE UNABLE TO TAKE ACTION ON KUALA LUMPUR 7279 AS WE HAVE NO DIRECT CHANNEL TO CONVEY NARCOTICS TRAFFIC INTELLIGENCE TO THE SOVIETS. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT STATE 306325 AUTHORIZES US ONLY TO REGRET THE DATES PROPOSED BY THE SOVIETS FOR THE NARCOTICS DISCUSSION WITHOUT OFFERING A COUNTERPROPOSAL. IT MIGHT CREATE THE UNINTENDED IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE NO LONGER INTERESTED IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP AS TO CONVENIENT DATES FOR THE U.S. SIDE; ANY TIME AFTER MID-JANUARY WOULD BE FINE AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED.
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